



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION VI
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200
DALLAS, TEXAS 75202

September 15, 1988

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Meeting Summary Regarding South Cavalcade Site

FROM: Larry Wright, P.E., Acting Chief *Larry Wright*
Superfund Enforcement Branch (6H-E)

TO: File

Date: August 29, 1988

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Palletized Trucking, Houston, Texas (Located on
South Cavalcade Superfund Site)

Attendees: Rex and Marilyn King-Owners
Billy _____, Manager
Larry Wright-EPA, Dallas
Jim Pendergast-EPA, Dallas
Bill Eckroade-EPA, Washington, D.C.

Summary: The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed plan for cleanup for the South Cavalcade site, to determine possible impacts on future operation's of the company at the site, and to answer question's about site remediation. Jim Pendergast gave a short presentation that highlighted the following.

- a. Site history and nature of contaminants onsite;
- b. Results of remedial investigation, especially as related to where contamination was found in soils and groundwater;
- c. Potential migration pathways of contaminants and endangerment posed by site conditions;
- d. Proposed plan for cleanup, including discussion of technologies to be used in specific areas of their operations.
- e. Request for information related to the company's future plans for expansion; and
- f. establishment of communication between the company and EPA throughout the duration of the project.

Mr. King stated that he did not believe there was any health hazard associated with the soils on the property. He said he had worked out in the unpaved area himself many times over the years and never experienced any problems. He does not believe the soil areas need treatment, but thought just a concrete cap over those areas was appropriate.

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Mr. King was also concerned about disruption of his business and requested that if excavation were conducted, it be done in a phased manner so that he can continue to use the currently unpaved area for storage. He actively stores extra trailers and other equipment off the paved areas. He was also concerned about possible breakage of the concrete if the soils were excavated next to the slab and large trucks were pulled up near the edge of the slab.

The fact sheets sent to the company had not been distributed to employees.

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FROM: Larry Wright, P.E., Acting Chief *Larry Wright*
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TO: File

Meeting Date: August 29, 1988

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Transcon Freight Line Terminal, Houston, Texas (Located on
South Cavalcade Superfund Site)

Attendees: Byran Boston-Transcon Terminal Manager
Larry Wright-EPA, Dallas
Jim Pendergast-EPA, Dallas
Bill Eckroade-EPA, Washington, D.C.

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Mr. Boston said he had distributed the fact sheets provided by EPA to workers at the site. He said there had been a few inquiries about potential worker exposure from working on the site.

We asked Mr. Boston about future expansion plans for the terminal. He said he was not aware of any planned expansion within the next five years, but he would check with the company property manager to see if he was aware of any expansion plans. He said if expansion occurred, it would most likely involve expansion of concrete parking areas to the south (towards area of remediation).

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FROM: Larry Wright, P.E., Acting Chief *Larry Wright*
Superfund Enforcement Branch (6H-E)

TO: File

Meeting Date: August 29, 1988

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Merchants Fast Motor Freight Line Terminal,
Houston, Texas (Located on
South Cavalcade Superfund Site)

Attendees: Rod Redimyer-Property Manager
Debra Mitchell-Brown Maroney Law Firm
Larry Wright-EPA, Dallas
Jim Pendergast-EPA, Dallas
Bill Eckroade-EPA, Washington, D.C.

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Mr. Redimyer and Ms. Mitchell had a number of questions related to the results of the site investigation and proposed plan:

- a. How long would site remediation take?
- b. Has soil flushing been proven?
- c. Will there be disruption of company operations when the cleanup is implemented? Would piping be buried?
- d. Is Merchants considered by EPA to be a responsible party?
- e. Who will pay for and conduct the remediation?
- f. What is the timeframe before remediation starts?

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They indicated the fact sheets provided by EPA had been handed out to employees and a copy posted in the lunch room area. They had received no questions about the fact sheets or the proposed plan.

EPA stated that disruptions to their operations should be minimal. The company was told that as a current property owner, they were considered to be a PRP. It was indicated that former owners and operators who were responsible for operations causing the contamination would be given the opportunity to conduct the cleanup but in any event, Merchants would be contacted regarding provision of access and deed restrictions.

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